

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1645

March 1, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the offense of perjury to include a person who, with intent to deceive, makes a false statement, not under oath, but in a declaration stating on its face that it is made under penalty of perjury.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Perjury is a Class A misdemeanor in most cases.
- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, there has been an average of five convictions for perjury in state courts in each of the past five years. Total convictions, including general sessions courts, are estimated to be 50 per year.
- Expanding the offense of perjury will result in a small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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